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EARLY in the craft year which began on 19 July 1557, and was the first of the chartered existence of the Stationers' Company, John Waley, or Wally, entered what was no doubt the present play on the Register along with several other works. The entry runs as follows:

To master John wally these bokes Called Welth and helthe/the treatise of the
ffrere and the boye/stans puer ad mensam another of youghte charyte and
humylyte an a b c for cheldren in engleshe with syllabes also a boke called
an hundreth mery tayles ij^s

[Arber's Transcript, I. 75.]

That Waley printed an edition is therefore to be presumed, but it does not necessarily follow that the extant copy, which though perfect bears neither date nor printer's name, ever belonged to it. Indeed, a comparison with a number of works to which he did affix his name suggests grave doubts on the subject. Though not a high-class printer, there seems no reason to ascribe to him a piece of work which for badness alike of composition and press-work appears to be unique among the dramatic productions of the sixteenth century.

'Wealth and health' appears among the titles in the list of plays appended to the edition of Goffe's *Careless Shepherdess*, printed for Rogers and Ley in 1656. The entry was repeated with the designation 'C[omedy].' in Archer's list of the same year, and, without the addition, in those of Kirkman in 1661 and 1671. In 1691 Langbaine wrote '*Wealth and Health*, a Play of which I can give no Account.' Gildon has no further information to offer, nor have any of his immediate followers. Chetwood, in 1752, classes it among 'Plays Wrote by Anonymous Authors in the 16th [by which he means the seventeenth] Century,' calls it 'an Interlude' and dates it 1602. This invention was only copied in those lists which depended directly on Chetwood's, such

as the *Playhouse Pocket-Companion* of 1779. Meanwhile, in his *Companion to the Play-House* of 1764, D. E. Baker, relying upon Coxeter's notes, gave an essentially accurate description of the piece, except that he asserted it to be 'full of Sport and mery Pastyme,' and described it as an octavo. This entry has been copied by subsequent bibliographers, none of whom have seen the original.

The play was among those discovered in Ireland in the spring of 1906 and sold at Sotheby's on 30 June, when it was purchased for the British Museum at the price of one hundred and ninety-five pounds. Its press-mark is C. 34. i. 25.

The extremely careless typography of the original makes the task of reprinting a difficult one. Ordinary misprints abound, and these have been scrupulously retained, a list of irregularities being added below. It has, however, proved impossible to arrive at any satisfactory method of distinguishing between 'n' and 'u.' In the first hundred lines, which are by no means the worst printed, there are thirty-two cases in which the letter is indistinguishable, eighteen cases of an apparent 'u' which should be 'n,' and seven cases of an apparent 'n' which should be 'u.' When it is further remembered that there are few cases in which it is possible to say for certain that a letter really is what it appears to be, and none in which it may not be turned, some idea of the difficulty in the way of reprinting will be obtained. To have followed the original in this matter would have been to introduce another misprint into at least every fourth line, while even so several hundred cases would have remained which could only have been decided according to the apparent sense of the passage. The only rational course was to treat the letters as indistinguishable throughout, and to

print in each instance whichever the sense seemed to require. Again, as the superscript letters 'c,' 'e,' 't,' are seldom distinguishable, the printer has been given the benefit of the doubt. Another difficulty arose in connection with the speakers' names. In the original these have often dropt from their proper places, which can now only be ascertained from the sense and the not very regular indentation. With some hesitation it has been decided to restore them to the positions they should apparently occupy, noting all cases in which they are a line or more out in the original. Lastly it may be remarked that in the speeches which aim at imitating foreign languages the apparent readings of the very indistinct original have been scrupulously reproduced, and no attempt has been made, even in the subjoined list, to suggest any corrections.

In the last sheet some of the pages are cropt at the foot. In most cases nothing more than the catchword has disappeared, and although between lines 768 and 769 something seems to be lost, it is doubtful whether this is due to the cropping, since *Dr^v* has already one line too many.

The original is printed in the ordinary black letter of the period, of the body known as English (20 ll. = 94 mm.).

IRREGULAR AND DOUBTFUL READINGS.

Tit. att his	29. fo (too ?)
5. tco ^w e	38. yeth
7. fleepe (?)	41. dyspayre (dysprayse)
13. nof	50. marualusy
24. Weith	52. iu
25. Jam	54. ts
27. ofcomparison	57. slander...nome

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|--------------------------------------|---|
| 58. felte | 195. please youto |
| 62. Inlykewise | 197. libert |
| 63. Wh en (?)
(no catchword) | 201. werwhy (me, why?) |
| 66. despyed | 207. feloweh |
| 70. thouart | 214. shalde |
| 74. answerd | 216. crow |
| 75. wellh | 224. beholde (be bolde) |
| 76. thou'
sagetpue (or ?tagetpue) | 234. wyse (the 'f' doubtful)
ifye (if he?) |
| 80. Thai | 237. Alibert |
| 84. benefites | 238. notfoze |
| 95. walth hatg...treasure | 249. lubstaunce |
| 98. stands (the 'f' doubtful) | 250. wer |
| 100. cempetent | 251. whyte |
| 105. Be | 253. lust (lust) |
| 107. otherwelth | 257. lybertye |
| 109. Euerywise | 258. h elth (?) |
| 110. disposicions | 267. ran |
| 127. saue (the 'e' doubtful) | 270. loboure |
| 134. woth | 275. ofliberty...futer |
| 137. stealeth | 278. alytle |
| 144. hit | 286. acquainted |
| 149. a wreke | 289. Dryue (the 'y' doubtful) |
| 150. nf | 290. Wy ll (?)...C (I) |
| 159. (no catchword) | 294. [h]ealth |
| 164. nhw indifferenly | 306. Chyft |
| 165. we | 312. kindes |
| 168. Weith | 315. Arquaintance |
| 177. tryasure | 318. fo |
| 178. ysthey | 319. lybertyeis |
| 191. (no catchword) | 320. lybertye, wili |

- bebolde (be holde)
 322. Thyrfoze
 324. lybrye
 328. ano
 337. pas (past)
 364. ther
 367. yet hym (hem)
 373. Wytte (Will)
 379. felfe
 383. caa
 386. thought (sought)
 391. schon (?)
 397. he gins
 398. fleminge
 400. flemminges
 wilmar (?)
 405. icvell
 408. lonck
 410. ic compta hoze
 414. Mae
 424. flaunders
 425. fleminges
 426. theris
 433. deuose
 440. styll (?)
 443. shzed wet
 445. myll...cun
 447. thng
 450. geeat actozty
 452. bach
 453. iust (iust)...indifference
 460. shalbe (the 'f' doubtful)
 470. berter
 473. mayay (or? nayay, read-
 ing very doubtful;
 may say ?)
 475. fozfoth...brother
 479. in (the 'n' doubtful)
 485. wel...sye (syt ?)
 498. you
 501. begyled
 502. counsell
 507. Wy II (?)
 508. she (?)
 509. chat...alw ay
 511. meaneth (the 't' doubt-
 ful)
 520. [Liberty ?]
 531. oardon
 534. am be (?)...well
 545. England
 547. renlmes
 548. thy (they)
 551. rm
 553. apart...aceozitie
 554. R[e]md[i]
 558. foz (the 'f' doubtful)
 561. pfercing (?)
 567. ehis
 568. percelue
 596. b e (?)
 600. poor (?)
 601. tohether
 605. exchewe...Ill

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|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 607. tēp | 719. Wyll. (opposite l. 718) |
| 609. sach | 724. wich |
| 613. [()wil | 731. welco me |
| 616. apare | Health (opposite l. 730) |
| 618. larpe | 734. (no catchword) |
| 622. chat | 735. her (hert ?) |
| 624. afryde | 736. v s (?) |
| 629. hew | 740. .aboꝛ |
| 630. p=omise (the 'z' doubtful) | 742. sha me (?) |
| 631. styest (tpeest ?) | 753. H ance (?) |
| 632. lok e | 755. Hance (the 'e' doubtful) |
| 633. crooke (the 'e' doubtful) | 756. nothin |
| 636. Wyll. (below l. 637) | 757. H ance (?) |
| toꝛ | 760. allaunts... reale |
| 653. euey | 764. selfeloue (?) |
| 654. of hell (?) | descone (?) |
| 662. false | 766. subtel tige |
| 666. libertidespise | 768. (catchword cut off ?) |
| 667. mateer | 769. [Remedy.] (but a whole |
| 668. wat, ler... [Wyll.] | line probably missing) |
| 669. a none | 772. Ic ... Remdi (the 'i' |
| 675. thiag | doubtful) |
| 676. Afir (After) | 773. i (I or i) |
| 685. I tis | 776. fleming (the 'f' doubt- |
| 686. ihe | ful)...lenger |
| 693. wltb...conoenient | 780. tiberty |
| 695. Wyll. (opposite l. 696) | 782. Health (opposite l. 781) |
| angey | 785. nof (?) |
| 699. toꝛ | 787. affirmity |
| 705. he | 790. Health (opposite l. 791) |
| 711. Wytte (opposite l. 712) | 791. maladi (the 'i' doubt- |
| 716. rhe | ful) |

796. **pe t**
 798. **people** (the second 'e' doubtful)...**detelt**
 799. **theroffoz** (?)
 801. **A mendes**
 (catchword crompt)
 803. **doone** (the 'd' doubtful)
 804. **helfe a mendes**
 807. **necessitie** (?)
 820. **thinketh** (the second 't' doubtful)
 821. **herc**
 822. **be**
 823. **eafe ano**
 826. **warre**
 828. **boyde**
 830. **weae...what brith**
 831. **saw saw**
 833. **tise**
 834. (catchword crompt)
 836. **liuingl**
 838. **abouf** (?)
 841. **blam**
 842. **To staunder**
undesrued
 843. **depart**
 846. **spynardo**
 847. **folse chese...hearth**
 849. **wiltel**
 850. **ia**
 851. **peca** (the 'e' doubtful)
 853. **meae**
 856. **these**
 861. **contra**
 863. **three**
 864. **I Ipfbo...tham**
 (there is no lead between
Wyll. and **Wytte.**;
 the speakers' names to
 ll. 862-3 are half a
 line too low, those to
 ll. 865-7 half a line
 too high)
 866. **Remd[i]**
 867. **abd ...** (signature and
 catchword cut off?)
 868. **ful**
 871. **speake**
 873. **season**
 881. **Remdt**
 882. **thete** (?)
 887. **in continent**
 888. **wif**
 889. **lake**
 891. **behanged**
 893. **halt**
 901. **shew de**
 903. **althre**
 907. **shaike...warding**
alonge
 909. **wel**
 912. **remābre...a nother**
 917. **displefur**
 918. **ungrocious**

919. diffulation	940. pſpe (?)
923. deuyt	941. rcſtoze
924. liberty, (the ‘s’ doubtful; opposite l. 923)	954. Char (?)
925. ymanginacien	955. remdy
927. wyſcef	956. deuer
928. pyſon	958. riagne
933. (catchword crompt)	960. rontinue
	961. w (w)

An enterlude of

Welth, and Helth, very mery and full of
Pastyme, newly aft his tyme
Imprinted.

(.)

The Names of the players.

Welth.
Helth,
Lybertie.

Ittyll.
Shoobytyt.

Dance.
Remedy

four may easely play this playe.

*Sing and
afore said*

There entreth Welch, and Welth, singing together
a ballet of two partes, and after speaketh

Welth

Why is there no mirth, no merriment, I am come
I knowe that all the people be dume
O els so god helpe me and haly duns
They were almost a sleepe
No wordes, I harde, nor yet no talking
No instrument went nor ballattes singing
What ayles you all thus, do you dreame
Of whom take ye care

Of my cousing you may be glad
Therefore I pray you be not sad
For all your despayre shall be had
I can amende your cheare
By God I thinke ye haue forgotten me
I am welth of this realme looke vpon me
For I am to euery man louing and frendly
For welth hath no peer.

Brother welth haue ye not yett done
ye prayse your selfe aboute the moone
Euery man may perceiue therby soone
That you lacke discrecyon

Wherefore, by god I cannot say so much
I am so welth of substance and rych
In all the worlde where is one such
As I am of comparison.

Welth is good I cannot deny
Yet prayse your selfe so muche ye may
For welth oftentimes doth decay
And welth is nothing sure.

I. &

welth

Welth.

Welth.

Welth.

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Welth, and helth, very mery and full of
Pastyme, newly att his tyme
Imprinted.

(:.)

¶ The Names of the players.

Welth.

Itwyl.

Dance.

Helth,

Shrowdwyt.

Remedy

Lybertie.

Foure may easely play this Playe.

Here entreth Welth, and Helth synging together
a balet of two partes, and after speaketh
Welth.

Why is there no curtesy, now I am come
I trowe that all the people be dume
Or els so god helpe me and halpydum
They were almost a sleepe.

No wordes I harde, nor yet no talking
No instrument went nor ballattes synging
10 What ayles you all thus to syt dreaming
Of whom take ye care?

Of my coming ye may be glad
Therefore I pray you be not sad
For all your desyre shall be had
I can amende your cheare
By God I thinke ye haue forgotten me
I am welth of this realme looke vpon me
For I am to euery man louing and freendly
For welth hath no pere.

20 Brother welth haue ye not yet doone?
ye prayse your selfe aboue the moone
Euery man may perceyue therby soone
That you lacke discrecyon

Helth.

Wherefore, by god I cannot say to much
I am so welthy of substaunce and ryche
In all the worlde where is one such
As I am of comparison.

Welth.

Welth is good I cannot deny
Yet prayse your selfe so muche ye may
30 For welth oftentimes doth decay
And welth is nothing sure.

Helth.

Welth. Welth hath ben euer in this countrey
And here I purpose styll for to be
For this is the lande most mete for me
And here I wyll endure.

Health. Therin ye speake full louingle
For in this realme welth should be
yeth no displeasure I pray you hartely
But in the way of communicacion.
And for pastyme I would speake some wayes
Of no comparison, nor to you no dyspayre,
I doo not intende that maner alwayes,
But for a recreation,

40

wealth. Brother what soeuer ye say to me.
I wyll heare you paciently
I am content and I thanke you hartely
Begyn and say your pleasure

Health. I thanke you hartely then wyll I
Some what vnto my purpose apply
Though welth be praised maruallously
yet to myne vnderstanding.

50

Welth is mutable, and that in shame
And welth is hauty and proude of name
Welth is cruell, and in great blame
For welth is euer wauerynge.

wealth. To whom haue I doone any harme can ye say,
ye slander me now, yet I trust I may
Aunswere for my selte in euery maner way
ye wyl not deny that?

Health. God forbpd but ye should do so
And ye may doo it whether I wyl or no
In lykewise, I must answer you also
When ye say not true.

60

Though I be but to you a pooze man
yet helth I height, the same I am
That is despyred vniuersally than
Some calles me as good as you

As I, mary ther in deede ye do compare.

Welth.

Such wordes myght bynge you soone in care

70 Lewde parson, thouart not ware

Of what substaunce I am

Nes I can tell what you are, be not dyspleased
welth is of great substaunce, that cannot be denyed
yet shew your comodities, and ye shalbe answerd
I promyse you welth is fugitiue.

Health.

What sayst thou, am I a fagetyue

wealth

I was neuer so taken vp in my lyfe

Noz called vn Timer, well I wyll make no stryfe
yet where as thou dost say,

80 Thai I shoulde shew my commodities alwayes

The best for my selfe wherof I aske prayse
yf I shoulde stand her all my lyfe dayes
yet I coulde not say.

Noz halfe the benesites that commeth of me
yt cannot be tolde noz resyted shortly
Welth is the floure of althing earthly
That you cannot denye.

Fyrste god saue, our soueraine Ladye the Queene
With all the counsel and all that with them bene

90 Am not I welth with them euer at ene

Who shoulde be there but I?

Men of the lawe, and ioly ryche marchauntes
There be welthy both of goodes and lands,
Without comparyson is in their handes
I welth hatg all treasure.

Health. O good fyr, of whom commeth all this
Of god only, to you no thanke I wys
And yet mans welth stands not all in ryches
I dare saye that boldly,

Whan a man hath a cempetent liuing
with the grace of god that passeth all thyng
Loue of his neyghbour, and good reportyng
Then is he welthy,

100

Welth of goodes is but a fame
He is welthy that hath a good name
Euery wyse man wyll coueyte the same
For otherwelth I not reche

yf a man haue neuer so much good name
Euerywise man wyll coueyte the same
if his dtsposicions be nought and wood
Then he is but a wretch,

110

Welth. Nay thou art a wretch, and a foole vnwyse
welth of ryches thus to despyse
Dost thou not se all the worlde aryse
By goodes and substaunce

He that hath plenty of syluer and golde
May haue all thyng whatsoeuer he woulde
whan can welth lacke, seing all thing is solde
And welth is of assuraunce.

Health I denye that, your saying is nought
Grace, heauen, nor cunning, cannot be bought
without great paine, and good dedes wrought
Els man cannot them haue.

120

wealth Stop thereat, and hold thy peace
May not men by heauen with richesse
✓ As to bylde churches and make bye wayes
Such deedes mans soule doth saue

Pea

Yea, but yet ye must marke one thyng
yf these goodes came with wronge doyng
130 Shall ye haue heauen for so spendyng
Or yet any mede.

Health

Nay nay except that man himselte doo meeke
And make resystance the ryght honour to seeke
Els all such good dedes is not woth a leeke
welth hereof take heede.

Why thinkest thou that all men which hath welth wealth.
Getteth theyr goodes with byby and stealeth
Thy reposte is nought therfore helthe
I counsell thee to say the best.

140 So I wyll, but yet I must say true
And now a lyttle more I wyll say to you
Such sorowe and care welth doth brewe
He is seldome in rest.

Health

When a man is a lyttle hit and welthy
And hath in his chesse treasures plentye
Then wyl he wrangle, and do shrewdly
By his power and might.

With his neighbour he wyll go to lawe

And a weke his malice for valew of strawe
150 welth is fykle and out of awe
wylfull in wronge or ryght

Thou speakest with a flanderous tonge
All of euyl wyll, and yet it is wronge
welth in this realme hath bin longe
Of me cometh great honour.

Welth.

Because that I welth hath great pozte
All the worlde, hyther doth resorte
Therfore I welth, am this realmes comfort,
And here I wyll indure.

Helth. So I wold ye should, and I shall do the same 160
Helth I am called, and that is my name
If I would not abyde heare I were to blame
For here I am well cherished

Yet say your selfe, how indifferenly
And if euery man doo not loue me
Helth as well as welth, yes verely
Therof I dare be reported

Welth. Why should they loue thee? that woulde I knowe
As wel as me, I pray you howe
I am the superiour of hie and lowe 170
No man may compare with me.

Helth. To shew why I wyll not be afraied
For I can bide by that I haue sayde
If welthy men be very well apayd
Do muche they set you by.

But of welth, if they haue neuer so much
Goodes, tryasure and golde, and be called ryche
Yet yf they lacke helth, there payne is suche
That they were better dye.

A man to were golde, and be in payne 180
What ioy hath he? none, but would be fayne
To giue all his treasure for helth playne
Do els he were very mad:

For if a man be neuer so poure
Yet if he haue helth, that is a treasure,
Then for his liuing, he may labour
And in his harte be glad,

Welth. I neuer marked thus muche, nor vnderstood
That Helth was such a treasure, and to man so good
Wherefore I am sorry, and I wil chaunge my moode 190
Now I pray you forgiue me.

I will forgiue or els I were to blame
And I pray you to forgiue me the same
I loue you hartly, and wyll prayse your name
yf it please youto keepe my company.

health

¶ Here entreth lyberty with a song & after speaketh
Why tary syrs whether are ye going
I see well ye looked not for my comming
Loe, out of syght out of remembryng

libert

200 Absence is cause of straungnes,

What looke ye on wertwhy are ye so straunge
From your fellow liberty, doth your minds chaūge
In your company I was wont to range
What nedes all this busines,

By liberty now I doo not set
Seyng that helth and I am met
As feloweh together no man shall let
Be for to loue hym best.

wealth

Let me heare what ye do say

liberty.

210 Then ye are about to cast me away
How happes this? mary then I may
Goe pyke strawes and take me rest.

I pray you tell me whom I haue offended
yf I haue made a faute it shalde amended
with so shorte warning let me not be boyded
I crow yet ye do but iest.

Why do ye make this cauelacion
we entende to make no alteracyon
welth and I haue had communication

Helth.

220 He is my freende of olde.

What was the matter, I pray you tell
Be thinkes I ought to be of counsel
Or els I promyse you ye doo not well

liberty

B.i.

with

With you I should beholde.

Welth. The matter is doone we are agreed
To reason it more it shall not neede
O brother helth, thou art in deede
More preciouser then golde.

liberty. Gods bodi how commeth this gere to pas
I am cast out at the cartes arse
The worlde is nothing as it was
For I am here refused

230

Health Why be you angry that we doo agree
Then are ye not wyse, for if ye loue me
I will loue hym agayne, so it should be
Or els I were mysaduised

yllibert Then of my loue ye set no store
My company I see well ye looked notfoze
Farewell I wyll get me out of the dooze
yet I am your betters and so am I called.

240

wealth Such presumptuouse wordes wyll haue a fall
your comparyson is but feble and small
What can ye do nothyng at all
As you haue reputed.

liberty. What were ye both two, were not I.
Metches and captyfes, looke not so hye
Thinke no scozne hardly
For I may be your peare

yf welth haue neuer so much lubstaunce
Lacking Libertye and werr in duraunce
Within a whyte, I am in assurance
ye woulde pray me come nere.

250

If Helth be neuer so lust and stronge
yet if Lyberty were kept from him longe
Then sorow and care wolde be his songe.

yt

yt would abate your cheare.

Fye of welth which lacketh lybertye

Fye of helth and be in captiuitie

Fye of riches and lack good company

260 Lyberty hath no pere,

Wyll ye heare how he doth clatter?

Helth.

What neede ye to rehearse all this matter.

ye know that we twayne afoze any other.

Lyberty must nedes haue syll.

Lybertie on vs is glade to wayte

ye stande to farre in your owne conceyte

I wys lybertye ye can make no bayte

To catche vs at your will.

Now there ye lye, I can suffer no longer

liberty.

270 Welth for Lybertye doth loboure euer

And helth for Liberty is a great store

Therfore set me not so lyght

Libertye I pray the reason no more

wealth

ye are welcome to vs as ye were before

In dede of liberty it is great suter

Therfore welcome by this lyght

Now I thanke you both full kindly

liberty,

your strange wordes alytle did greue me

And now at your comaundement I am redy

280 And at your owne wyll.

¶ Here entreth with some iest yllwyll

Mary I am come at the first call

Wyll.

Wyll, your owne man haue me who shall

For I am will seruaunt to you al

Ye shall not neede to sende for me.

Who is acquainted with this man

Welth.

B.ii.

he

He is very homely and lytle good he can
To come in here so boldly, then
Dryue him away quickly,

Wyll. Why, I cam not tyll I was called
your owne wyll openly ye named
Then I came a pace lest I should be blamed
Therfore I pray you let me hyde syl,

wealth Whose wyll, or what wyll, doth he meane
Thou art not my wyl, I forsake thee cleane
My wyl and their wylls is often sene
Our wylls can none yll

Wyll. Alas good masters I can none yll
yet by my trowth I am your euyl wyll
your wil, & your will, & your will, therfore keepe me 300
I loue ye by goddes mother,

liberty. This is a straunge saying vnto me
My wyl, your wyll, and his wyll, this cannot be
For in our wylls is great diuersitie
For one is not lyke another,

Wyll. Yet by Christ your owne wyl I am
The maddest wyl, and the meriest, than
For goddes sake now, let me be your man
Tyl ye haue better acquaintaunce.

wealth I perceyue this felow is kynde
And oweth to vs good wyl and mynde
Some kindes agayne then let hym finde
Let him haue some furderaunce

Wyll. By god sir and I durst be so bolde
Arquaintance of this man clayme I would
and kynred to, yf the trowth were tolde
we be of one consanguynitie

wealth How so? let me here that I pray thee hartly

wyll

Wyl and lyberteys, of aunciterie olde
 320 With out lyberte, wili dare not bebolde
 And where wyl lacketh, lyberte is full colde
 Therfore wyl and lyberte must nedes be of kyn.
 In dede as he saythe it may well be
 For wyl euer longeth vnto lyberte
 Therfore good freende welcome to me
 I praye you al be good to him And goeth out
 For your sake he is welcome to vs all
 Let him come to our place ano than he shall
 Haue succoure of vs and helpe withal
 330 & now we wil depart. And welth & helth goth out.
 Wyl ye go hence. I thanke ye masters with al my Wyl.
 I wyl seke you out I warrant you feare not (hert
 Now they be gone I am glad by saint mary
 A lyttel while heare I purpose to tary
 How to deceyue welth, helth, and libertie
 Now must I deuyse.
 For I am a chylde that is pas grace
 It wyl I am called that in euery place
 Doth much mischief this is a playne case
 340 Vertue I doo vtterly dispise,
 But if they wyl what I were
 Then of my purpose I should be neuer & nere
 I wyl kepe my tonge lest that I mar
 My whole intent and wyl.
 But now I meruayle by this day
 Where shewd wit is gone a stray
 Some crafty touche is in his way
 I here him, peace, stand still.

¶ Entreth shewd wyl with a songe.
 350 ¶ Dieu vous garde playsaunce

B.iii.

On

On feuen or no mumchaunce, what ponkers dare
To playe a grote or twaine. (auaunce

Loe heare I haue in store
Two or threer grotes and no more
I take great thought therfore
For to kepe it, it is much payne

I come now out of a place
where is a company of small grace
Cheues and hores that spendes a pace
They were dronken all the sorte. 36
One of their purces I did aspy
Out of his sleue where it dyd lye
And one wynted on me with his eye
But ther began the spote

Their false falsehode, and I crafty wynt
got the purse loe, heare I haue it
I ran my way and let hym fynt
Smoke and shitten arse together.

And yf that I had yll wyll here
with this money we wolde make good chere 37
Gentle brother wyll, I pray the apeare
For thou art in some corner.

Wyntte I woulde come in but I am a fearde
Least that I be taken by the bearde
Wyth some catchepol, I haue heard
How thou haste stollen a purse

wyntte Thou horsen art thou mad, cum in I say
This is not the fyrste hazard that I haue scaped
yf I make an hand to decke my felfe gay
what am I the worse. 38

wyll From thy company I cannot abyde
I must nedes holde vpon thy syde

yllwyl and shewdwit who caa hyde
For they will be together.

Now welcome wyl and what cheare:
By god I thought for thee a thousand yere
Peace for gods body who cummeth there
Hance here pot Ascon router.

wytte.

¶ Entreth Hance with a dutche songe.

90 Gūt nynen scone rutters by the moder got
It heist ōwne schon, for staue ye nete
De qusteker mau iche bie do do
Uau the groate bnmbarde well ic wete
Dartyck dowlant van enheb it mete
Ic best de mauikin van de koining dangliler
De grot keyser kind ic bene his busketer

Here ye not dronkē hance how he be gins to prate Wyl.

The malowperte fleminge is a little to cheke mate

Let the knaue alone, for his name is war.

wytte

100 Such dronken flemminges your company wil mar

Ic best nen emond, ic best in soche

Hance.

ye secte nete vell ic forstaue ye in doche

Cumt hoze leyf with your gound stand nere

Wyl.

yt becummes you better to handle a potte of beare

Dat maght icvell dan, ic can skynke frelyck

Hance

Tab bers frow, ic byuges broze, begotts nemerick

The hozten knaue by the masse is dronke

wytte.

A winking for depe his eyen be cleane lonck

Ic forsaue ye vell ye seg dac ic slope

Hance

110 Benike, nenike, ic compte hoze for an andoz cope.

Wel coppin I pray the hartly tell vs trew

Wyl.

Wherfore comest thou hether for any thing to sew

peicke feger, en būbardere vā de koyning wei it be Hance

heb twe skelling de dagh ic con scote de culueryn

Daē

wytte. May ye shall walke a Fleming knaue, wyl ye not see
 We haue English gunners ynow, there is no rome
 Hance It best en bomberde mot ye to me spreken (empty
 what segge ye bones, it sal ye yode slaen
 Wyl. We speake not to thee thou art a scone man
 But goe thy way they be not here that promot y cā 420
 Hance Caut ye me a de house dragen van degrot here.
 wytte. Hance ye must go to h court & for welth inquire
 Hance What segge ye welth nenyke he is net hore
 welth best in slaunders, it my self brought him doze
 Wyl. Beshrew your horsen Fleminges hert therfore.
 in dede as he saith, by war in slaunders theris welth
 Hance Segt ye dat brower, by the moder got dan (stoe
 Out naught it mot wast, to sent castrin to mi lanmā
 wyt. Is he gone, farewell hankykin bowse (& goeth out
 I pray god giue him a hounded drouse 430
 For I trow a knaue brought hym to house
 But now brother wyt.
 We must deuose how that we may
 Be in seruice with welth alwaye
 Let me here what thou canst do or say
 To helpe for to contryeue it.
 wytte. For thy pleasure that I shall
 This wyl I doo first of all
 Flatter and lye, and euermore call
 Them my good maysters wyl. 440
 Then with swering, lying and powlinge
 Byby, theft, and preuy pyking
 Thus I shred wet, wyl euer be doinge
 I warrant ther yllwyl.
 Wyl. I can thee thanke, this is well deuyfed
 And I yll wil, wolde haue euery man dispised
 But

But now another thing must be contriued
Or els al wilbe nought

There is one they call good remedy
450 In this realme, he hath geeat actortty
He is a noble man and much worthy
Many thinges he hath wrought
He is called lust, discreete and indifferene
Willing to fulfil his soueraines commaundement
He is not fraide to do right punishment
Therfore of him I am afrayde

So am I to this maketh me very sadde
Yet oftentymes I haue bene harde bestadde
Now þ I am warned of him I am very glad
460 Sum crafty wyle for him shalbe hade

wytte.

Peace no mo wordes but mum
My think I heare mast welch cum
Knele downe and say sum deuout orison
That they may heare vs pray
Now Iesu saue Welth, helth, and Lybertie.

Wyll.

Liberty and helth returneth back with welth
Syzs you shall haue both gods blessing
So are ye worth for your praying
ye are wel disposed and of good liuing

Wealth

470 I wyll loue you the berter alway

Sir this do we vse euery day
For welth helth and liberty to pray
This same is my brother, to you I may say
He is an hard honest man.

Wyll.

Forsoth mayster I am his brother
To be your seruant, was my cūming hether
As longe as we two be to gether
ye shall not peryshe than

wytte.

C.i.

To

Health To haue you both in serupce I am content
How say you libertie wil you therto consent 480
Wyll and wit, god hath vs lent
We may be glade of them

liberti. If we holde refuse wyl and wyt
we were to blame for they be fyt
Therfore by my wel they shal not slye
They be welcome to me,

Wyll. God thanke you maisters all thre
ye shal finde vs poze but true we cannot be
By tonge stumbles, I cry you mercy
We wyll be true I should say, 490

wealth Syrs go your way home vnto one place
And we wyl hve vs after apace
And when we come we shall set you in case
To haue a lyuing alway.

Health Then loke ye do both truely and iust
For we must put you in great trust
All our houshoulde guide ye must
Behaue you selfe well.

wytte Maisters feare not for I haue wit inough
To beguyle my selfe, and to beguyle you 500
I haue begyled many one I may say to you
I pray you kepe that in counsell

liberty. Beware of that, what doth he say?
Beguyle vs all, yet I charge ye nay
He shall not beguile vs yf I may
I wyl beware betyme.

Wyll. Syr be not angry I you praye
the foole woteth not he doth say
He meneth chat he wil be profitable alw ay
And saue you many thinges. 510

what

What he meaneth I cannot tell
But his saying is not well
Depart hence syrs by my counsell
And tary vs at our lodging.

Health

¶ Now and it please ye, wyll ye here any synging wytte.
Therein I tell you I am somewhat connyng
ye shall heare and ye list.

Syr I pray you sing and ye can liberty
Now wil I begin like a lusty bloud thā. thei sing wyll.

520 Sirs now go your way of you I am glad (& go out
As of any seruauntes that euer I had
For these can do both good and bad
We must needes haue such men

What were we yf we lacked wyll:
And without wyt we shoulde lyue yll
Therefore wyll and wit I wyll kepe styll.

I promise you I loue them

¶ Here commeth remedy in and to him saith
Syr your maysterchip is hartely welcome

Wealth.

530 Take your place here aboue as it is reason.

I pray you oardon vs, we know not what ye be Health
ye seme a man of honour, and of great auctozity

Syr to know wherfore ye come we are desyrus liberty

I am he that ought for to be well knowen Remdi

Of you thre specially, and of duetie

Great payne and busines as for mine owne

For you I haue taken because I loue you hartely

To maintaine you is all my desyre and faculty

yet hard it is to doo, the people be so variable

540 And many be so wilfull, they will not be reformable.

Syr I pray you pardon vs of our ignoraunce now wealth
I se well ye know vs better than we do you

C.ii.

I

Remdi I pardon you, for I doo know you wel both
welth, and helth, is your right names
The which England to forbere were very loth
For by welth and helth commeth great fames
Many other renlmes for our great welth shames
That they dare not presume, nor thy dare not be bold
To stryue againe England, or any right with holde.

Health Sir ye be welcom, I besech you shew vs your name 550
remedi Good remedy forsooth I am the same.
liberti. yf I durst be so bolde I wolde pray you hartely

To shewe vs apart of your great aceozitie,
R md My aceozitie is geuen to me most speciall
To maintaine you thre, in this realme to be
What mine intent is. I wyl tel, but not all
For that were to longe to reherse of a surety
And I desyre you all for to be louing to me
For your owne ease, come welth and profyt

Wealth Good remedy, then we must desyre your aydyng 560
For by good remedy cometh all our preferring.

Remdi All that I doo intende, if ye wil therto agree
And to be refozmable for your owne ease
It is not the thyng that lieth only in me
But my good wyl, therfore I wyl not cease
To haue your loue and sauour, and thereby to please
Al the worlde ouer, and to promote ehis realme
That you thre may prosper, ye percelue what I mene

The chiefe parte of all welth lyeth in great estates
Theyr substance and landes. is right commendable 570
Prelates of the churche is welthy of ryches
Merchaūtes hath marchaūdise & goods incōperable
We of law & franklins is welthy which is laudable
thus

Thus welth of riches is deuided diuerse wayes
And to these many charges, come now a dayes

My hert reioyseth to here your good reporting
Such are we bound to god, which prouideth althing
Forsooth here is not halfe that I could reherse
The benefitts of god that he sheweth to you welth

Health

Remdi

580 Consider Englyshmen, how valiant they be & ferce
Of al nacions none such, when they haue their helth
No land can do vs harme, but wyth falsehod or felth
remēbze what nōbze of mē, or artillerie & good ordināce
Specially & grace of god, which is our chief forderāce

If there be any that wyl grudge, surmyce or doo
Againe welth, helth & libertie, then must I for & same
Shew mine auctoritie and power, for to remedy it so
That none of you shall diminishe, nor amisse be tane

I good remedy therfore may & will speake wout blāe

590 For the comen welth, & helth both of the soule & body
& is mi office & power, & therfore I haue my actozitie

Our lord continue ye, & we thanke you hartly
Both for your good instruction, and for your kindnes
That you intende so wel for vs good remedy
When we haue nede we will desyre your goodnes

wealth

When we be infect in the soule or body

Health

Then will I seke good remedy for succour

As yet I thanke god I haue no nede greatly

yf I haue then wyl I seke to haue your fauour

600 Syr now we wyl departe hence with your licence liberty

For other diuers busines that we must haue tohether

Sirs I am content, now when ye wyl depart

Remdi

To god I commyt you I wyl not make you tary

But yet I pray with all my minde and heart

Take hede in any wise excheue yl & shewd compani

pf a mā be neuer soo good & vfe w̄ thē ȳ be vnthrifti
he ſhal leſe his name, & to ſome vice they wil him tēp
therfoze beware of ſuch people, & from thē be exempt

Health yes yes I warrant you of ſach I wyll beware.

Farewel good remedy & wel to fare. & goth out 610

Remdi I pray god be your ſpede & preſerue you frō paine
it is mi mind ye ſhold proſper I wold haue it ſo ſain.

Wyll. Here is none of our acquaintaūce wil retourneth
we haue made to longe tariaunce
that wyll ye ſay perchaunce
And they begone home come away apare

Wytte. Nay by god not ſo haſtie
A lytle whyle we wyll larye
Good euen ſyz to you mary
Dwell ye in this place?

Remdi Nay good fellowe I dwel not heare
Wherefoze doeſt thou chat inquire:
Woldeſt thou ought with any heare
Speake be not afryde

Wyll. By God I would I had your gowne
And were a myle without the towne
Theron I woulde bozowe a crowne
It is I that ſo ſayde

Wytte. Hew lookest thou one him halfe a ſcorne
I p-omiſe you he is a ſcant gentylman bozne
What ſtipeſt thou in his face

Remdi For ſomewhat in his face I lok e
In dede his maſterſhip ſtandes a crooke
For falſe ſhrewes both of you I tooke
And chyldren that be paſt grace.

Wyll. I wyll ſwere for hym, as toz this yeares twenty
that he hath ben euer as true as I

pet

yet sometyme he will steale and make a lye
He is of my alpaunce.

o In good fayth the same thinke I
That ye be both lyke, full vnthyfty
Syz how do ye lyue, shew me quickly
Or I shall put you in duraunce

Remdi

How liue we? mary our meate
Cummett thou hether for to threte:
So lordly syz wittam doth speake
From whence doth he come can ye shewe

wytte.

What dost thou ayle canst thou tell?
Hast thou any thing with vs to mell?

Wyll.

50 By the masse thy handes doth tykell
Thou shalt beare me a blowe.

you false theues I know ye well
I shall let your purpose euey deale
yllwyl, and shrewd wit, the deuyl of hell
Take ye both for me.

remedi

Mary thou lvest, our names be not so
Call vs but wit, and wyll, adde no more thereto,
yf thou doest thou were as good no
We shall handle you shrewdly

wytte.

60 Syz farewell here I wil no longer abide
For you both shortly I wyll prouide
That all your false craft shalbe out tryed
And our subtyllitie knowen

Remdi

and goeth out.

To go so soone the horsen was wyse
therfore some now I must deuise
that each man may welth, helth and libertidespise
Or els he wyll marre all our mateer.

wytte.

Brother wet, let me alone
When they come you shal see me a none

Com

Complayne of him, vnto them echone
And put him out of fauour

670

Wytte wealt
Peace no mo wordes, for they come yonder
Syz I am glade that you be heare
How doth all our household, with them what chere?
Is euery thiag in order there
Asir our intente?

wyll.
ye syz they be all mery and glad
With reuell and rout somtime they be mad
Pipe whoze hop theef, euery knaue and drabe
Is at our commaundement.

680

Helth turneth hym.

What do ye say, then ye are to blame
And we put you in trust for the same
To kepe such rule, it is a shame
I tis not for our honour.

wytte.
By the masse ihe horson doth lye
There is no such rule by gods body
A man may breke his neck as lyghtly
As his fast in your kechin, or seller truly.

Liberty turneth him

690

With that nother I am not content
I wolde there should be liberalitie competēt
And wlt hōnesti it is conoenient
That our neighbour fare the better
Wyll.
you be angey with all that we haue done
Cum away bzother let vs go hens soone
I know a new maister wher we shalbe welcume
God be with you gentyl maister

Welth.
Why wil ye begone toz a worde
Peraduenture we did but boorde
We thinke ye should your mayster soorde

700

For

For to speake my minde.

May nay, I can tel what was the matter
Remedy was here, and he dyd flatter
ye trust he more than vs and better
But marke the ende, what ye shal find

wytte

With good remedy we spake in dede
To folow his counsel we had neede
He warned vs that we should take hede

Health

Of excesse and prodigalitie.

I meruayle ye speake so of good remedy
It is I that can do more than he
Wyt can make shyft at necessity
When Remedi cannot be hearde

Wytte

I know some that hath this thousand yere
Sought god remedy and yet neuer the nere
wit can put remedy by, yea this is cleare
For wit is a crafty lad.

And wyl is an vngacious stay

Wyll.

Wyl hath doone many thinges men say
And yf ye let wit and wil goe his way
ye wil repent it soone.

Why what cause haue you to go your way
ye shall abyde wich vs though you say nay
I wyl folow wyl, and wit alway
And so I haue euer done

liberty

yf I wist al my masters wolde so do
Then from your seruyce I wolde not goo
Speake now whether ye wyl or no

wytte.

730 And let vs know your minde

Syzs ye be welco me to me playne
And for your company I am full fayne
I had leuer suffer great payne
Then to leue my wit and wyl,

Health

D.i.

Wyll. Then let vs go hence, with kindnes my her ye do kyll
Health I pray you let vs go, wherfore do we byde wyll.

Remdi As touching my first purpose hither I am com again
I trow ye know me, good remedy is my name
That euery day doth take great .abor oz payne 740
To amende all faultes, I am chosen to the same
yf any mans conscience here doth grudge oz shame
Hauing in him self remorse, & mendes in tyme & space
I am good remedy, and god is ful of mercy and grace
Therfore I wyl stand asyde, & a lyttel while remaine
Of welth, Helth and Lybertye, for to inquire
How they be ordred, and yf any man complayne
I wil be glad to shew me remedy, my think I se one a
peare.

Hance Begots drowse ic my selfe bin cūpt heye scō lantsmā 750
Ic mot in ander land lopen, al is quade dan

Remdi Thou Fleming frō whēce comest þ & what dost þ here.

Hance Ic my self cumt frō sent Katryns doze mot ic skyne

Remdi Get þ thether againe, & tary here no lōger (de cā beer

Hance Syr ic mot mid ye spreken ic my self be en scomaker

Remdi What and thou be therwith I haue nothin a doo.

Hance Ic dest al forloze, copin is dod, ic maght aot do therto

Remdi I pray thee go hence, for thou dost trouble me yll.

Hance Men ic seker, ic wyl not gon, ic wold fain liue hoze stil

Remdi There is to mainy allaunts in this reale, but now I 760
good remedy haue so prouided that English men shall
lyue the better dayly.

Hance What segt ye by gots drowse, dai is de quade man

We de mozo goi, ic my selfe loue de scone Englishman.

Remdi Fie on þ flattering knaue, fie on you aliaūts al I say
ye can w craft & subtel tiget englishmēs welth away

Hance O skon mester, ic heb hoze bin, this darten peoze
ic canskote de coluerin, & ic can be dr beare bzoer,

trust see so prouide that welth from you haue I shall
 770 Ic seg to you dat welth is lopen in an ander contry hance
 wat hebegy dar brough, forstan ye net, segt me
 Ic vnderstand the wel, yet thou liest lyke a knaue Remdi
 welth is here i Englād, & welth stil i trust we shal haue
 Ic ment no quad ic loue de english man by min here hance
 Cūp by sent Katrin and ic shal ye geuē twe sfope here,
 Get ē hence drōkē Fleming y halt tary no lenger here Remdi
 Mor it net mare herebin, woder sal ic gewest kiskin hance
 Ic wil to de Kaizer gan, dar sall ic wal skinkin (& goth
 Is he gon? I pray god the deuyl go with him (out Remdi
 780 wher is welth, helth & tiberty. I wold see thē come in
 helth commeth in with a kercher on his head.
 ¶ A good lorde helpe me, by your licence my souerain health
 I am homely to com her in your presece thus diseased
 Nede constraineth me, for remedy I wold haue faine
 I am isect both body & soul, I prai you be not displeased
 Why what aile you shew me, yet you I do not know Remdi
 Glad I am to remedy any man, that is affirmitie
 I perceiue by your phisnamp, y pe ar veri weke feble &
 yet how me your griefe, & I wil help you gladly. (low
 790 Gracio⁹ remedi I thank you, yet I am half ashamed health
 to shew you mi maladi & mi name, I was called helth
 Therfore I am wel worthi to be punished & blamed
 Because I haue not folowed your couisel, but al thing
 may be suffered saue welth.
 Are you helth, this maketh me very pensife and sad Remdy
 ye t be of good chere, & how how you were infect
 To remedy you and succour you I wold be very glad
 For god wyl punish the people when they be detelt
 Sy? I thanke god therof for wel worthy I am health
 800 My conscience doth iudge, some trouble haue I must
 A mendes I wyl make to god and if I can

Wil ad wit hath deceiued me in them I put my trust.
 Remdi yf thou haue doone amisse, and be soȝ therfoze
 Then helpe a mendes is made, foȝ that is contrission
 Let that passe, now wil I are you one thyng moze
 Ther be welth ad Libertie, be they of good disposicio
 Health As foȝ welth is fallen in decay, and necessitie
 By wast & war, thozow yll wyl, and shrewdwoit
 And lybertie is kept in duraunce and captiuite
 God helpe vs all, and sende vs good remedy foȝ it 810
 Remdi Foȝ to heare this tale it maketh my hart heauie
 yet be of good cōfozt, god is ful of grace, & I am good
 Health ¶ Sir, thē I besech you help vs in the way of charity
 Remdi I would sayne but I cannot tel which way to begin
 Except I might catch wil & wit, then I trow I could
 Tye thē thozter, foȝ they destroy welth, helth & liberty
 yf I had h̄ theues, punish thē extremly I wole. (bi sin
 Health You may soone catch them, if ye wil stande a tyde
 From this place they two, wyl not longe abide.
 Remdi He thinketh I here them com, helpe to holde thē fast 820
 Wyl. Cum in wit foȝ here is no body (will turneth
 We may be holde and talke largely
 Our hartes to ease ano shew plainly
 What we haue doone.
 Wytte I must nedes laugh I cannot foȝbeare
 To remember warre that knaue wil ye heare
 The hozson Fleming was beshitten foȝ feare
 Because he should boyde so soone.
 Wyl. Herke now do I meruayle by this bread
 Foȝ I weae surely ubat hrlth be dead 830
 I saw saw him go with a kercher on his head
 As he should go to hangyng.
 Wytte Harke in thine Eare, yf tise hozson hap
 To complayne to him that weres the red cap

- I feare then shortly he wyl vs clap
 By the heles from our liuing!
 Nay nay, there is no doubt
 By hym I haue reported all about
 That he doth not wel, his good name to put out
 840 plwyl cannot say wel,
 Frende therin thou art the moze to blam
 To staunder me wrongfully, and vnderuued
 But oz thou drpart thou shalt answere for the same.
 wher is Welth & liberty, how hast thou the ordred?
 Our cicis quest is vn malt ombre.
 He is vn spygnardo compoco parlauere.
 Thou folse chese is thine English tonge gone
 as mischeuo⁹ il wil & shewdwit, ye haue destroyd ma
 Sir hurt not me, & I wiltel you trouth anone (ni on
 850 This same ia as false a knaue as euer cam win saint
 Per amor de my as peca vn poco
 Eo queris and ar pour lagraunt creae so
 I can not tel what thou dost meae blabber
 But y^e shalt speake English & confesse an other mater,
 Syr I besech your lordship, in the way of charity
 Let not these theses escape your hands they haue de-
 stroyed vs vtterly.
 Syr, beleue hym not he speakes but of malice onely
 we be true men, therof we shall fetch good witnes
 860 An honest man that shalbe bound for him and me
 The law sayth plaine, nulla fides contra testes
 that is trouth, but who wilbe witnes oz bound for the
 There is thzee amonge you in this howse
 I Iygo to fetch them quickly
 They wil come vnled for I warant you if they wyl
 what be they^e names, tel me what they be,
 That on is John Friche abd John holer

Wyll.

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Wyll.

But ful these be honest men all three
 Health Trust not their wordes they wyl dessemble styl
 They are so false and crafty, all they intent is yll. 870
 Wyl. ye lye falsely I speake but right and reason
 And by the law of armes ye must nedes be tane
 you are called good remedy which at al season
 Sholde leaue to mans lyfe, and maintaine the same
 we be here both your prisoners wrongfully accused bi
 Kepe one of vs fast let him lye for all (desame
 That other for frendes and wytnes goo shall.
 wytte, Syr let hym not goo and leue me behynde
 He wyl euer be a false knaue, for I know his mynde
 Wyl. holde thy tonge folish knaue I do not meane so 880
 Remdt I here now ye cannot agre, which of you shoulde go
 Wyl. No by gods body there shall none go but I
 Wytte. Thou playest the knaue it must nedes be I
 Health Kepe them safe I pray you for yf they scap againe
 Many men shal repent it, it shalbe to our payne
 Remdt They be here yet, to kepe them fast is myne intent,
 haue them away both to prison in continent.
 wyl. Lo false knaue this is for thy crafty wif.
 Now fast by the heeles we are lake to syt.
 Wytte. I am content so that I may haue compeny 890
 yf I shold behanged, I wold be haged honest (& goth
 Remdt Go hence with them & bring welth & liberty. (out
 helth, Com away ye theues, now I shal kepe you surely,
 Wyl. Lock vs vp & kepe vs as fast as ye can (& goth out
 yet yll wyl and shewdwit shalbe with many a man.
 Remdt I am halfe ashamed, that long it hath ben sayd
 That noble men by such wretches hath ben deceiued
 they did reioyce and iest, and were very well apaide
 Trusting to scape cleare, and styl for to haue rained
 But now they shall not so, let them be wel assured 900
 that

That ylwyl and shrewd wyte shal haue but yll rest
For wheresoeuer they be I wyll breake theyr nest
In the honour of god we aske you forgeuenes althye wealth
we ought to be ashamed to looke you in the face
By our foly & negligence, we haue done so vntwisely
we were fowle deceyued, we put vs to your grace
Thys shai be a good warding for vs alonge space
whan man is wel punished then he wyl beware
who that knoweth what nede is, wel after dyede care

910 I may not blame you gretly for by mine owne reaso Remdi
I know ylwyl and shrewdwyt deceiueh great & smal
yf ye can remābe thys. and beware a nother season
Thys is a good example and lerning to you all
Now serue god and loue him, & for grace euer call
And ylwyl and shrewdwyt, from you I shall abstaine
ye haue vsed them to longe to your domage and pain.

Forsoth sye ye sai trouthe, they did vs great displeur health.

Full hard it is to vanquishe the vngrocious ylwyl
he is so croked, by flattery, dissulation & such other

920 Hannes mynd is so variable, & glad to report yll
I feare many one yet wolde haue him raine syl
For some vnto their owne wyl hath so much affection
yet the deuyll and yll wyl is both of one complexion

yll wyll is nought, but worse is shrewdwyt liberty-
For he contryueth al subtil ymaginacion
yt were vnpossyble for a man els to doo it
shrewdwyt breweth myscefe, & false conspyracion
he hath put me lyberty in prison, ad great tribulacion
if it had not bene for your good remedi & fortheraūce

930 I & other þe hath libertie, shold haue be in duraunce.

We al of good chere, and haue no mistrust Remdi
The ende of yll wyl and shrewd wyte is but shame
Though they reygne a while, wrongfully and vniust
yet

yet truth wyll appeare and their misdedes blame
Then wronge is subdued, and good remedy tane
Though falsehod cloke, and hide his matters all
Craft wyll out and disceite wyll haue a fall

Whereas ye are now, in distresse all thre
Neare were ye brought in case lyke to marre
Now haue ye no doubt, yf ye wyll be ruled after me 940

I shal restore ye agayne as well as euer ye were
Welth kepe styll this realme, looke ye stray not farre
And helth be of good chere, your disease I can soone
Liberty now ye be released do no more offend, (mēde

wealth Now let vs al thāke god ꝑ good remedy hath sende
Trust to hym only for his grace and goodnes
we are forgiuenes of our trespass I trust we wil amēd
And cleane forsake syn, folly, and vnthriftines
th^o we wil here cōclude, soueraine of your graciousnes
we besech you to remyt our negligence, & misbehauoꝝ 950

Health There we haue sayd amis, we cōmit al to your fauor

And for your preferuacion hartely we wyl pray
your realme to increase, with ioy and tranquillity
That welth, helth & liberty, may continue here alway
By the ouersight and aide of him that is good remdy
which willingly doth his deuer, vnder your actozitye
As parte here apereth your purpose to maintaine

Remdi God continue his goodnes, that longe he may riagne
Jesu preferue quene Elizabeth ꝑ noble ꝑꝛicis worthy
Jesu rontinue her helth long for to endure 960

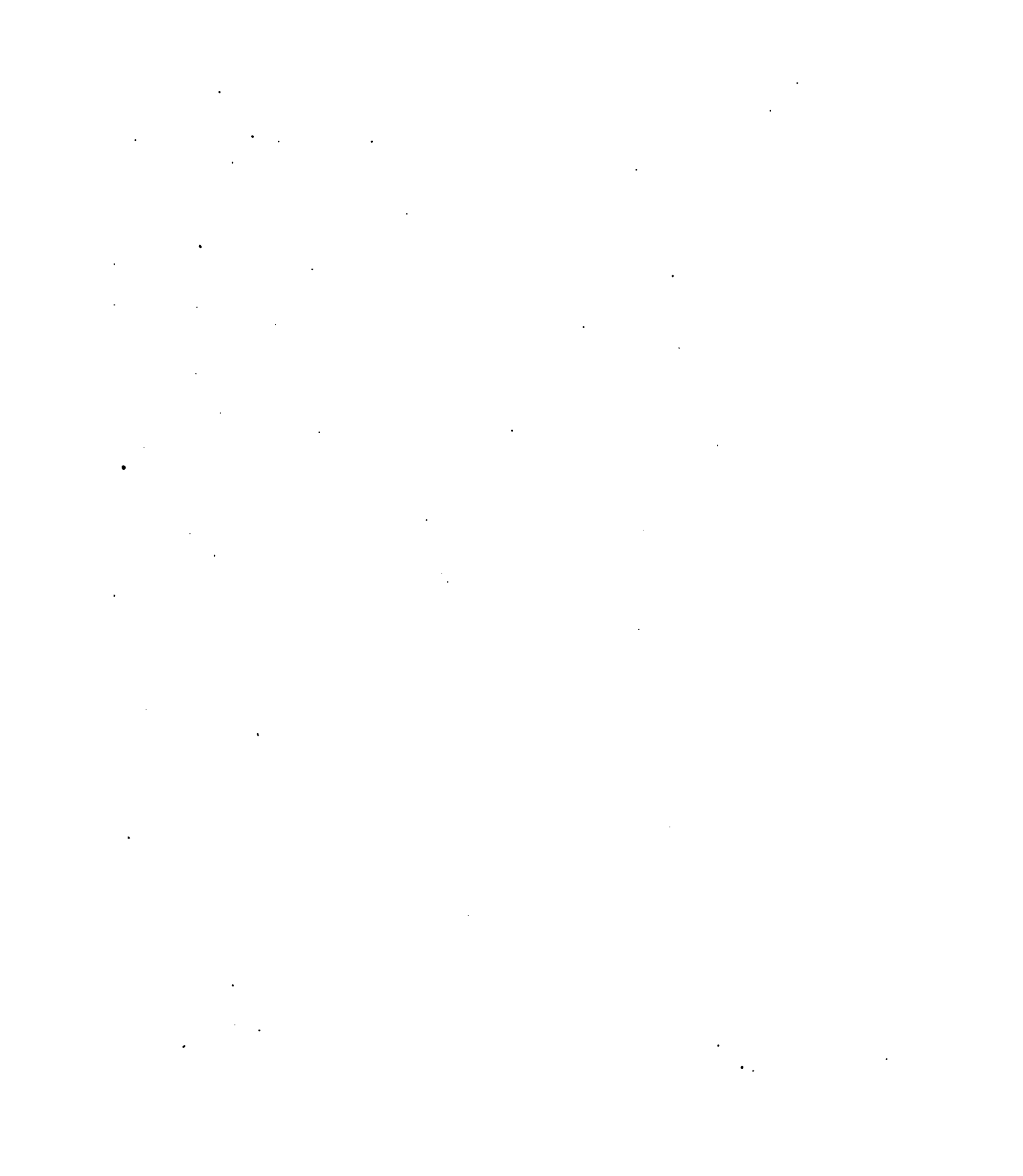
Jesu indue her w vertue grace & honour (remedi euer
Jesu maintaine the lordys of ꝑ cōūsel to execute good
Jesu spede and helpe al them gods honour to further
Jesu increase the comunaltie to prosper and doo wel.

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